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Dear Phillip:

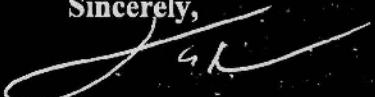
First let me congratulate you for being elected to represent district 42 of the central ward. Your willingness to give of yourself in this capacity is a clear demonstration of your commitment to the central ward residents in your district. I look forward to meeting with you in the near future to discuss my office's vision and goals for our ward. Presently however, there is a project that I am very excited about and want to share with you - the reclaiming of Jessie Allen Park.

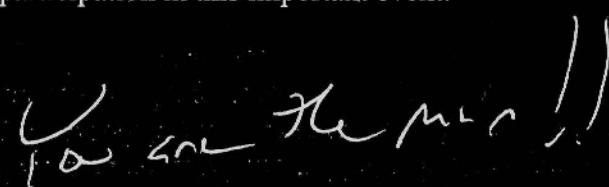
On September 5, 1998 I, along with my council colleagues, will be sponsoring a fun-filled day of activities in Jessie Allen Park. The purpose of the event is to provide fun and enjoyment for Central Ward residents, many of whom will have limited recreational opportunities over the Labor day weekend. My long term goal for the park is to bring together elected officials, corporations and the grassroots community to develop a "plan of sustainability" designed to rehabilitate the park and make it a place for year round activities.

Many events and activities are planned on September 5<sup>th</sup> that require supervision. I would be honored if you would volunteer your services for that day and help us in the final planning process. If you are interested in participating in the event, please call Darrin Sharif from my office for more information. Mr. Sharif can be reached at 733-6425 between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important event.

Sincerely,

  
**Cory A. Booker**  
**Councilman**  
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